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read by whom that bill is introduced?

CLERK: Mr. President, it is introduced by the Law Enforcement's Criminal Justice Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are now ready for item #7. Before we start with that, in the North balcony from Senator Warner's District there were nine students from Norris High School, Firth, Nebraska and Ken Kasperek, the teacher. Are you still up there? Okay, welcome to the Unicameral. Okay, we are ready for item #7. Item #7, reconsideration of LB 612.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp moves to reconsider the body's motion to indefinitely postpone LB 612.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I will try to be real brief. Senator Schmit got me aside this morning and he said, you know, you went twenty-nine days without screaming and then you screamed yesterday so I am trying to use a low voice. I am not pushing the lottery bill, not asking you to support it or anything but it is mid-session. Tensions are up. It is going to get more tense. I thought we ought to have something to break the monotony and I have got the ticket for you. Over the weekend, yes, oh, so to speak...over the weekend, I talked to half a dozen Senators just casually about they voted to kill the lottery bill and I said any particular reason, you know, didn't have any strong feelings one way or another. They said, well, our constituents, our constituents, man, they would kill me if I voted for this bill and I said, well, you know, that is interesting because we have never had in the State of Nebraska a real honest to goodness totally legitimate statewide poll on this question and you read in the magazines that sixty or forty or fifty-five or seventy percent of the people support a lottery as long as the proceeds go to the right place and are tightly controlled and all that. I understand, I have absolute assurance if the bill is just alive, I repeat, just alive, then there will be a statewide Joe B. Williams poll. There won't be without it. I would like to know for the first time on a legitimate basis what Nebraskans really think, Nebraskans think, about a lottery where the proceeds go directly to property tax relief. Now the bill is designed so that is what happens. If it were alive and it did have any further processing, that would be the issue. A statewide lottery, controlled and run by the state, proceeds going directly to property tax relief, that is what the Joe B. Williams poll would be on. Now I will